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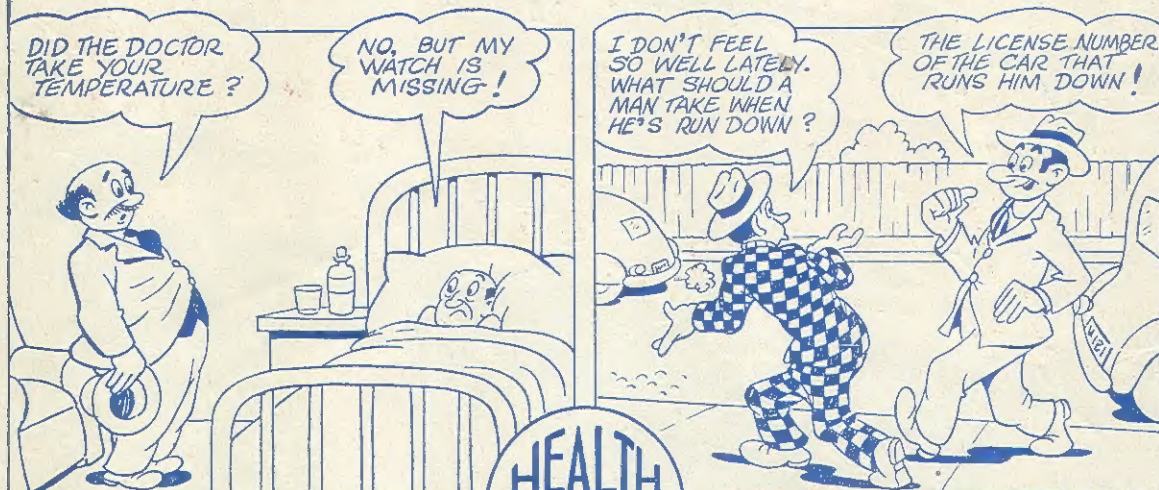
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

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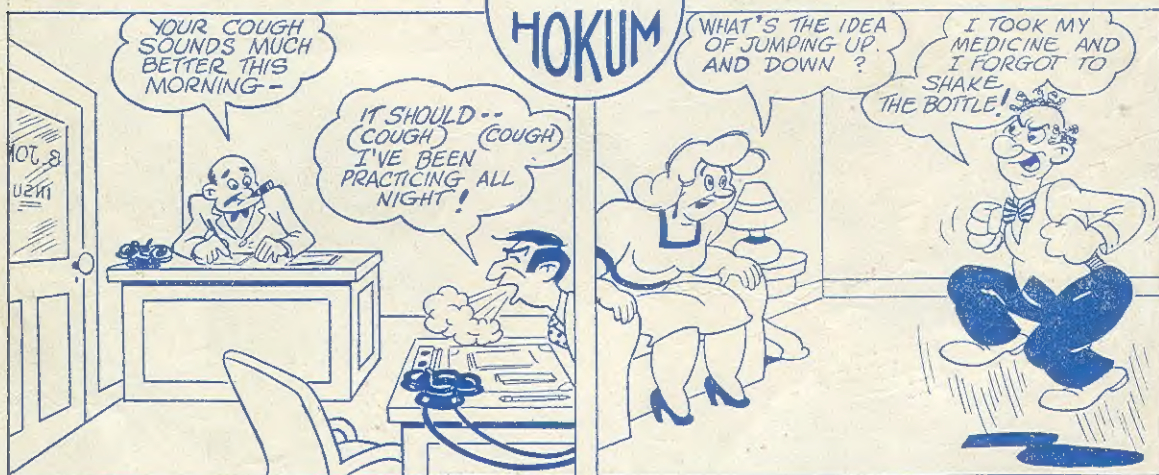


The SPACE-MONARCH balks "SABOTAGE AT THE SWITCH!"

GIGGLE GAGS



HEALTH HOKUM





OUT OF MY WAY,
YOU DEVILS! I'VE
GOT TO RESCUE
CHUCK!

WHAT BEGAN AS A CAREFREE
TROPICAL VACATION FOR
CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT AND HIS
YOUNG WARD, CHUCK RAMSEY,
ENDED WITH A GRIM BATTLE
FOR LIFE ITSELF, IN THE
IDOL-RIDDEN TEMPLES OF
PANGORA ISLAND!
BRAUGHT WITH EVIL WERE THE
SAVAGE PRIESTS OF PANGORA, BUT
EVEN MORE HORRIBLE WAS
THE INEXPLICABLE WHITE
DEATH THEY ACCUSED
ALBRIGHT OF CAUSING!

IT'S CHUCK RAMSEY'S VACATION FROM SCHOOL AND CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT HAS TAKEN HIM ON A SAILING CRUISE OF THE BLUE PACIFIC! ONE DAY, THEY STOP FOR SUPPLIES...

THERE IT IS, CHUCK--- LITTLE KNOWN PANGORA ISLAND!

GOSH, CAP! IT SURE IS BEAUTIFUL!

CAN WE GO ASHORE, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT?

SURE THING! WE HAVE TO PICK UP SOME SUPPLIES ANYWAY. LET'S HEAD FOR THE MARKET PLACE!

AS THE TWO AMERICANS ENTER THE MARKET PLACE...

QUITE A BAZAAR, EH, CHUCK? EVERYTHING FROM SOUP TO NUTS, INCLUDING A TRAVELING CIRCUS!

LET'S GO OVER AND LOOK AT THAT SNAKE CHARMER!

HOLY MOLEY! ISN'T THAT RISKY, CAP?

EVIDENTLY NOT! NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM SO FAR.

BUT SUDDENLY!

LOOK, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT! THE SNAKE CHARMER! --HE'S COLLAPSING!

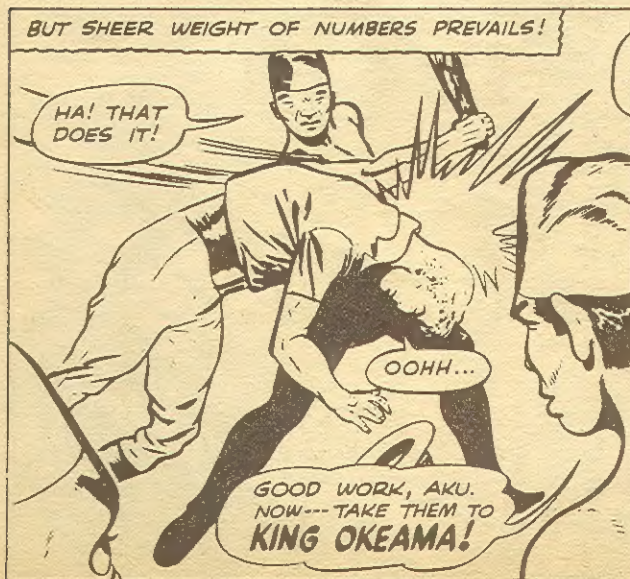
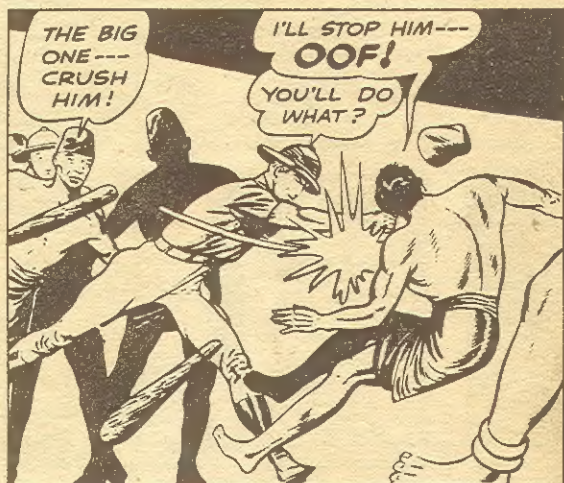
I SEE, CHUCK, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

... HE WASN'T EVEN TOUCHED BY THE COBRA! WHY IS HE SO WHITE?

WHY IS HE SO WHITE? BECAUSE YOU STRANGERS HAVE POISONED HIM! YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE **WHITE DEATH** TO PANGORA!

THAT'S A LIE! WE DIDN'T POISON ANYBODY!

QUIET, CHUCK! LET ME HANDLE THIS!



MY ONLY SON, PRINCE OKATO,
LIES ILL OF THE
WHITE PLAGUE! YOU TWO WILL
BE IMPRISONED. IF HE DIES,
YOU BOTH DIE! TAKE THEM AWAY!



CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT AND
CHUCK ARE PUT IN
SEPARATE CELLS IN
OKEAMA'S PALACE!

G-SEE WHILLIKENS!
NOW WE'RE REALLY
IN FOR IT!



IN CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT'S CELL.

THE
GUARDS
HAVE LEFT!
NOW I
CAN MAKE
A VERY
IMPORTANT
CHANGE!..

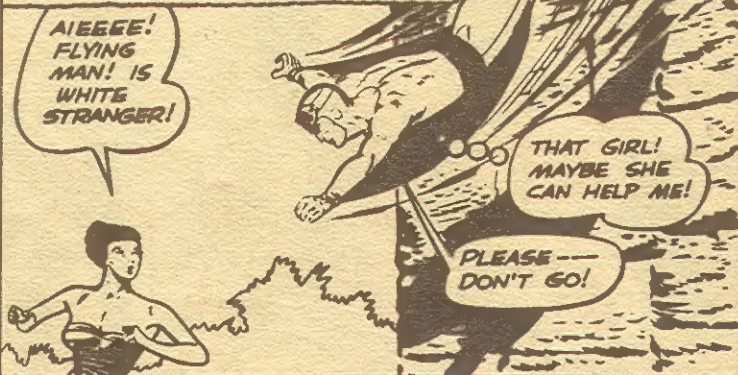


... TO CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT! MY
DIAMOND-EDGED WRIST KNIFE WILL
MAKE SHORT WORK OF
THESE BARS! THEN I'LL
FIND OUT JUST WHAT'S
BEHIND THE WHITE DEATH!



A PASSERBY IS STARTLED BY THE UNFOLDING
WINGS OF THE FAMED GLIDERCHUTE, WHICH
ENABLES CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT TO COAST
EARTHWARD FROM THE CELL WINDOW!

AIEEEE!
FLYING
MAN! IS
WHITE
STRANGER!

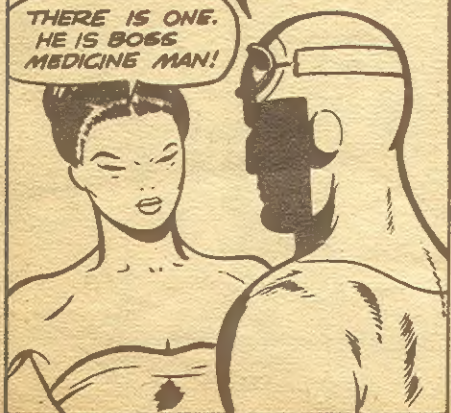


THAT GIRL!
MAYBE SHE
CAN HELP ME!

PLEASE—
DON'T GO!

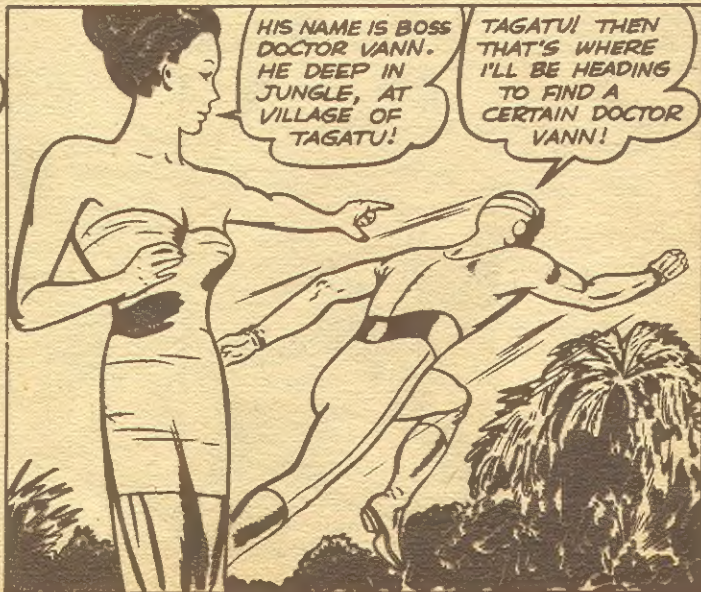
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED. BELIEVE
ME---I WANT TO HELP YOUR
PEOPLE! TELL ME, IS THERE
ANY WHITE DOCTOR ON PANGORA
WHO MIGHT KNOW ABOUT THE
WHITE DEATH?

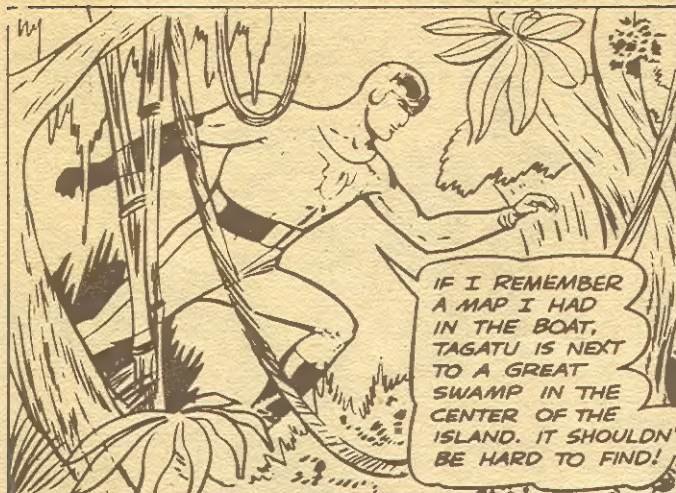
THERE IS ONE.
HE IS BOSS
MEDICINE MAN!



HIS NAME IS BOSS
DOCTOR VANN.
HE DEEP IN
JUNGLE, AT
VILLAGE OF
TAGATU!

TAGATU! THEN
THAT'S WHERE
I'LL BE HEADING
TO FIND A
CERTAIN DOCTOR
VANN!

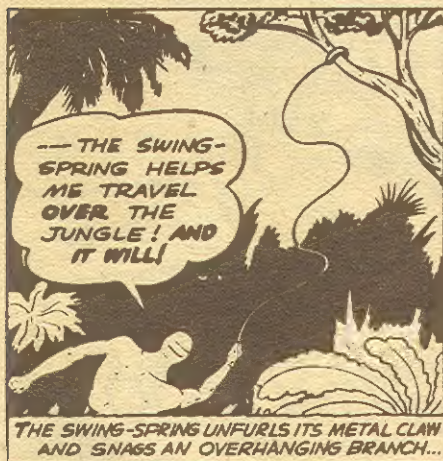




IF I REMEMBER
A MAP I HAD
IN THE BOAT,
TAGATU IS NEXT
TO A GREAT
SWAMP IN THE
CENTER OF THE
ISLAND. IT SHOULDN'T
BE HARD TO FIND!

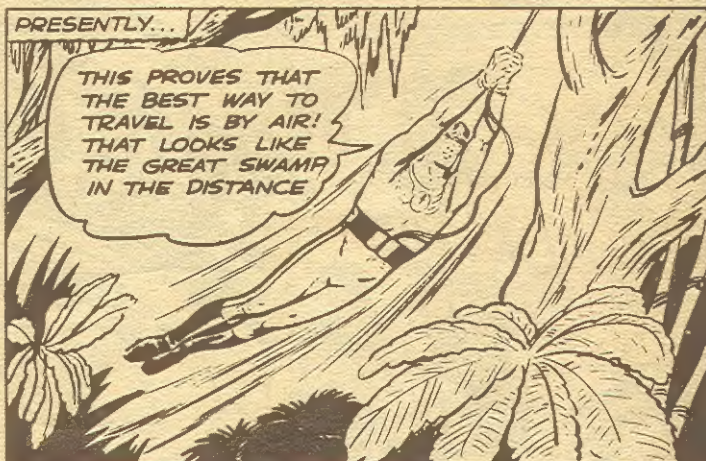


I'VE GOT TO HURRY OR CHUCK'S
LIFE WILL BE LOST!
THIS JUNGLE IS SO THICK THAT
I CAN'T GET THROUGH IT WITHOUT
A MACHINE! UNLESS—



—THE SWING-
SPRING HELPS
ME TRAVEL
OVER THE
JUNGLE! AND
IT WILL!

THE SWING-SPRING UNFURLS ITS METAL CLAW
AND SNAGS AN OVERHANGING BRANCH...



PRESENTLY...

THIS PROVES THAT
THE BEST WAY TO
TRAVEL IS BY AIR!
THAT LOOKS LIKE
THE GREAT SWAMP
IN THE DISTANCE



IF HE COME
FROM JUNGLE,
KILL HIM!

WE
DO!

HMM...
THIS MUST
BE TAGATU,
ALL RIGHT!
BUT THOSE
NATIVES
SEEM TO BE
EXPECTING
ME...I'LL
HAVE TO BE
CAREFUL!



CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT CIRCLES
CAUTIOUSLY AROUND THE
VILLAGE...

LET ME FIX
THE BANDAGE,
ARONA.

YES,
BOSS
DOCTOR!

WHAT LUCK!
THAT WHITE
MAN MUST
BE DOCTOR
VANN!



DOCTOR,
MAY I SPEAK
WITH YOU?

WILL THE JUNGLE
DOCTOR BE ABLE TO
HELP CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT?

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT TELLS ABOUT THE WHITE DEATH AND CHUCK'S BEING HELD HOSTAGE FOR THE KING'S SON, OKATO!

HMM, CAPTAIN, THIS IS SERIOUS NEWS, BUT YOU SEE, I MUST STAY HERE IN THE VILLAGE TO PROTECT IT FROM A GIANT TIGER WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKING THE NATIVES.

TIGER! SO THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE ON GUARD AGAINST!

BUT, DOCTOR, IT'S NOT ONLY CHUCK'S LIFE I'M ASKING YOU TO SAVE. ALL OF PANGORA MAY FALL BEFORE THIS WHITE DEATH, UNLESS YOU HELP CHECK IT!

WILL YOU COME, SIR?

AS A MISSIONARY DOCTOR, MY FIRST DUTY IS TO MY FLOCK ITSELF! IT'S A HARD DECISION, BUT ---

SUDDENLY, THE DOCTOR'S PROBLEM IS SOLVED, AS THE GIANT TIGER SPRINGS!

ROARR!!

THE TIGER! I'LL SHOOT IT!

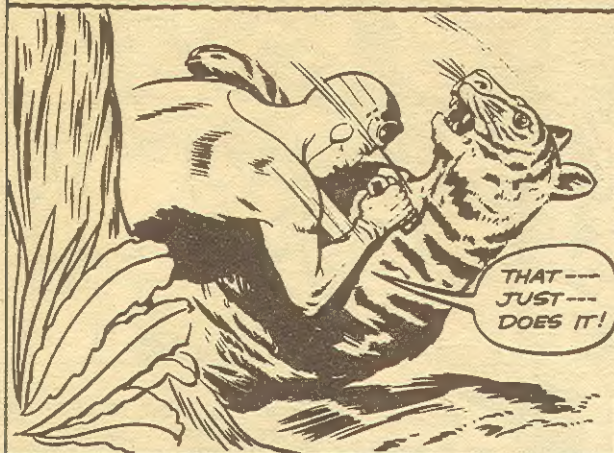
NO! YOU MIGHT HIT THE CHILD! LET ME---

---HANDLE THIS!

AAARR!

THE FOOL! HE'LL BE KILLED! FIGHTING A TIGER WITH A KNIFE! I-I CAN'T WATCH!

BUT THE DOCTOR DOESN'T RECKON WITH THE FIGHTING ABILITY OF MIGHTY CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!



WONDERFUL! NOW THAT YOU'VE KILLED THE TIGER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO START FOR THE TOWN AT ONCE!

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE, DOCTOR VANN! LET'S GO!



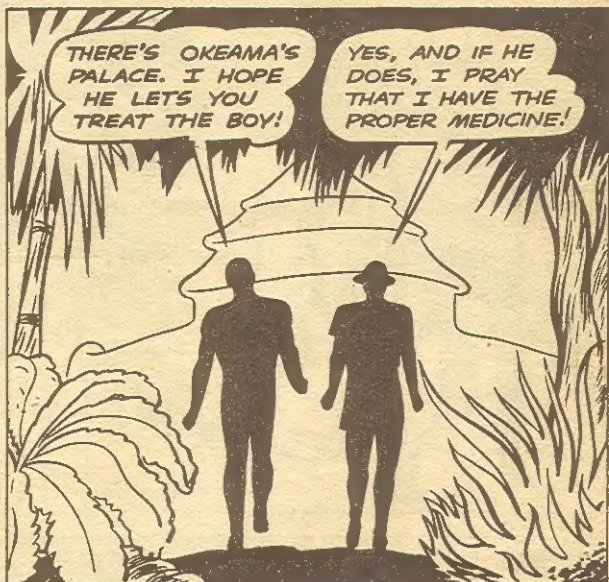
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T KNOW OF THIS TRAIL WHEN YOU CAME TO TAGATU. YOU MIGHT HAVE MADE BETTER TIME!

OH, I MADE PRETTY GOOD TIME!



THERE'S OKEAMA'S PALACE. I HOPE HE LETS YOU TREAT THE BOY!

YES, AND IF HE DOES, I PRAY THAT I HAVE THE PROPER MEDICINE!



THEY BURST INTO THE THRONE ROOM, MIDNIGHT LEADING THE WAY!

PRIESTS! GUARDS! ARREST THESE TWO INTRUDERS!

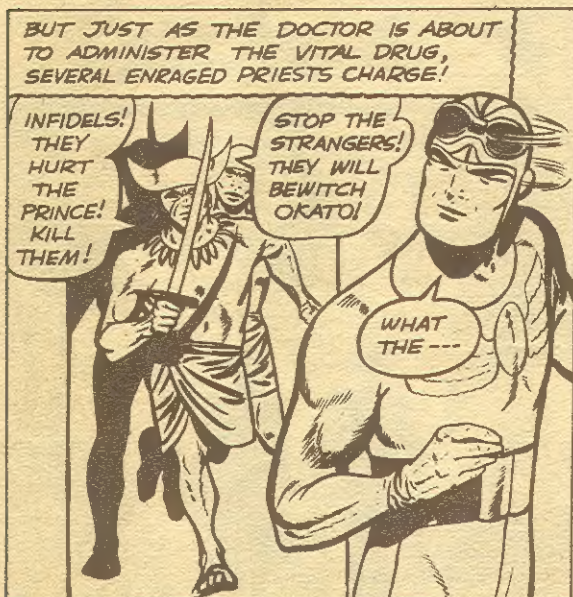
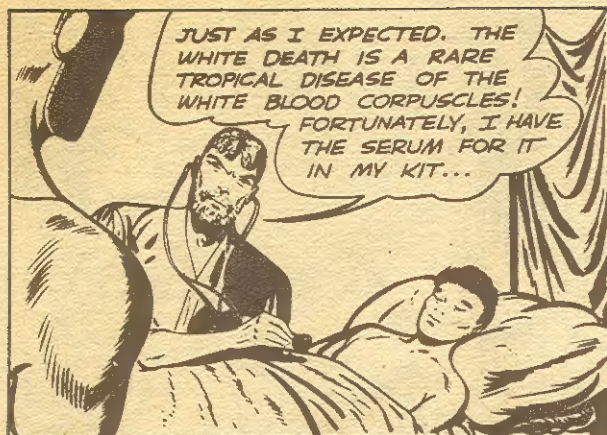
NO, OKEAMA! HEAR ME! THIS MAN IS A DOCTOR! IF ANYONE CAN SAVE YOUR BOY, HE CAN! GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

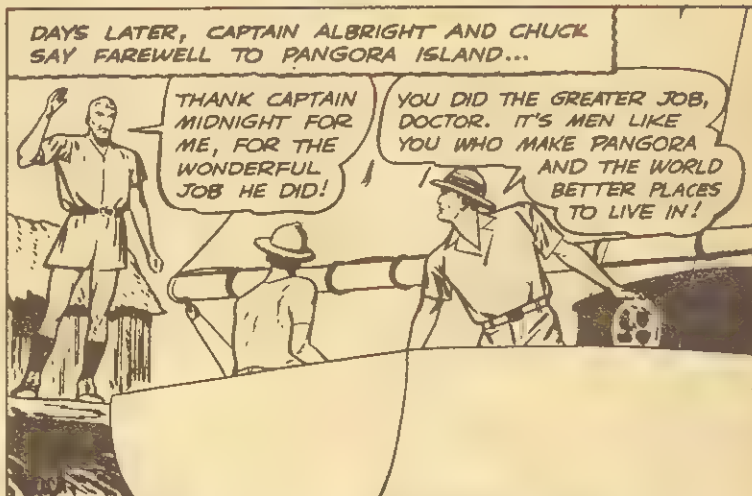
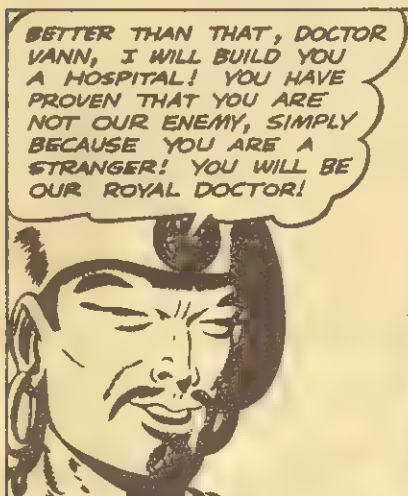


WILL YOU LET ME HELP THE PRINCE?

I CANNOT REFUSE! DO YOUR WILL! BUT MAY THE GODS HELP YOU IF YOU FAIL!

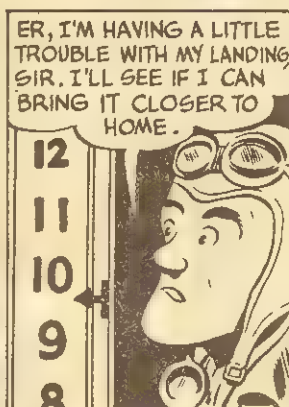






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HAHH! ONE BY ONE
I WILL CRUSH THESE
PLANETS! AND
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT
WON'T STOP ME!

PERIL ON VENUS!

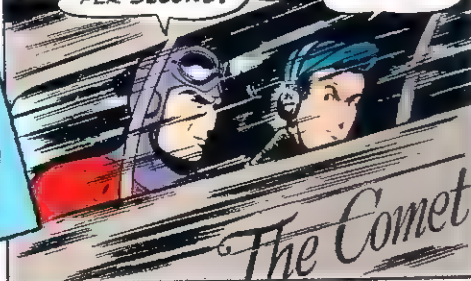
An
INTERPLANETARY
Story

JAGGA, THE SPACE
ZADER IS A BEING FROM
THE PLANET PLUTO.
WITH THE BODY OF A
VICIOUS BRUTE, AND THE
BRAIN OF AN EVIL GENIUS!
HE SEEKS TO WIN
DOMINATION OVER ALL
THE PLANETS! BUT
CRUISING THROUGH
SPACE IN HIS NEW
ROCKET SHIP,
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS
DETERMINED TO SMASH
EVERY PLAN OF THE
MONSTER FROM
PLUTO!

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT'S POWERFUL
ROCKET SHIP, THE COMET, SPEEDS
AWAY FROM EARTH INTO SPACE!

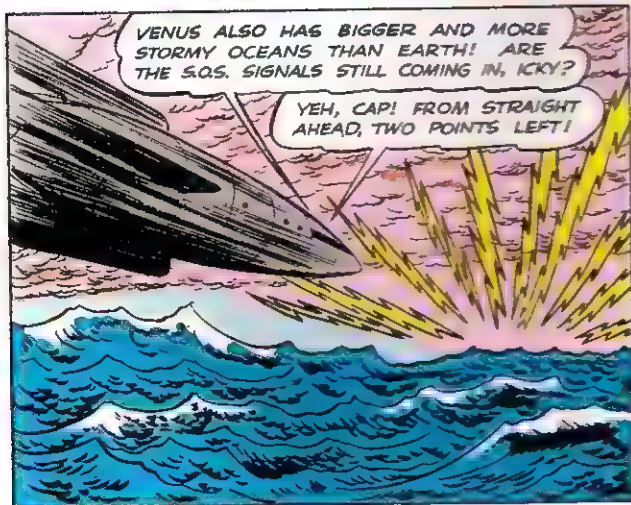
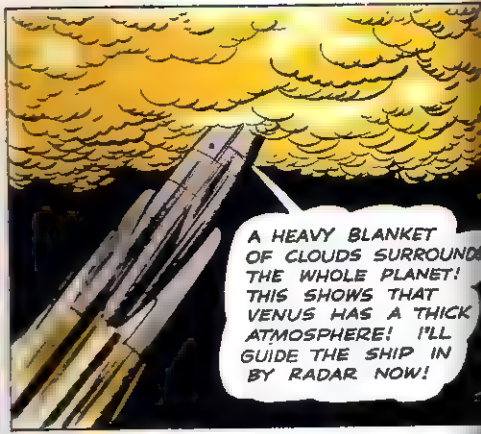
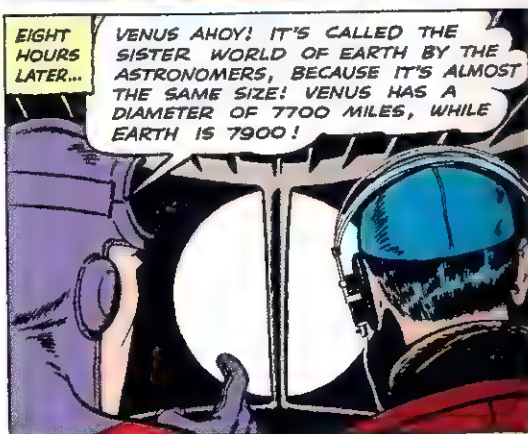
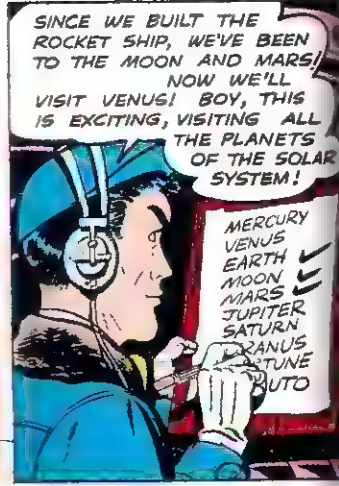
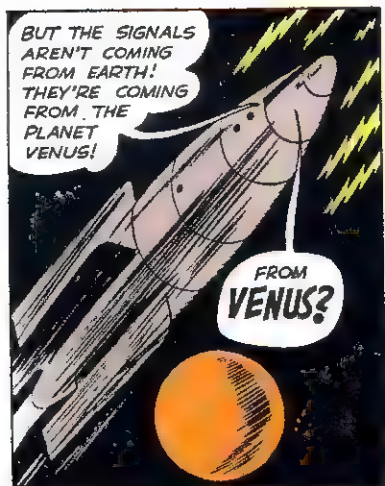
THE NEW SUPERCHARGER
IS WORKING SWELL, ICKY!
IT GIVES US MUCH GREATER
SPEED---UP TO 1000 MILES
PER SECOND!

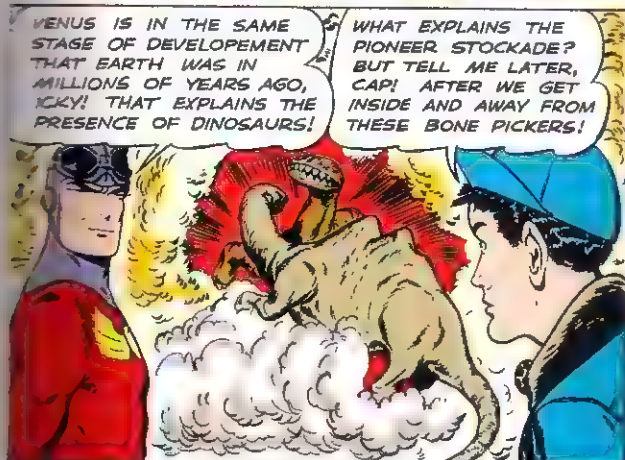
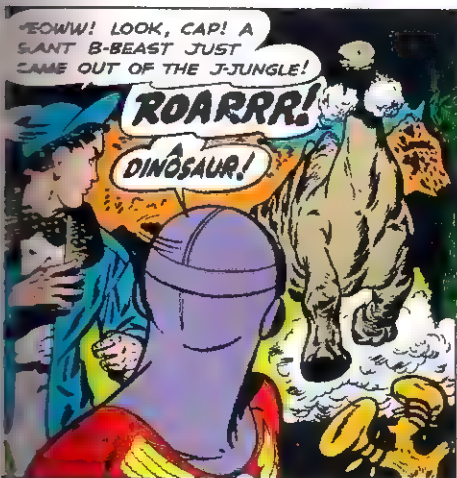
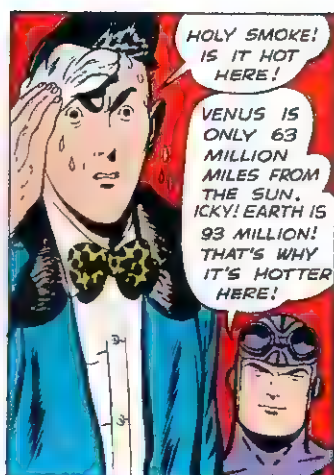
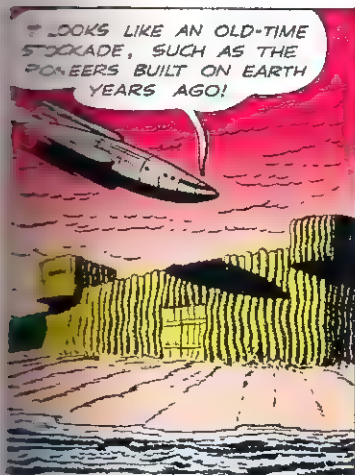
WOW! TALK
ABOUT
GREASED
LIGHTNING--
THAT'S US!

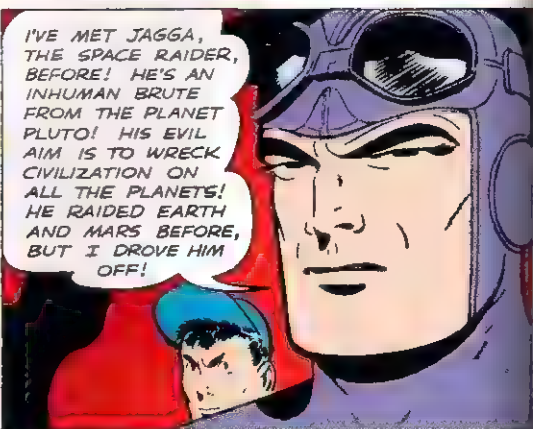
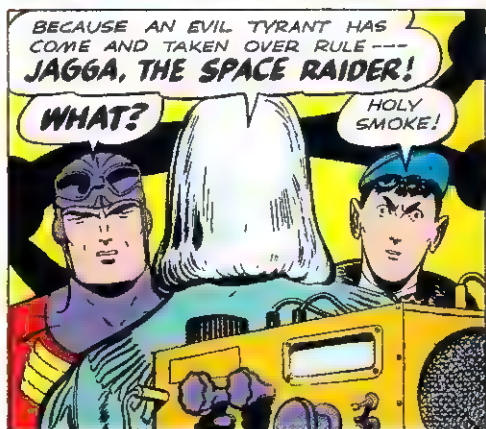
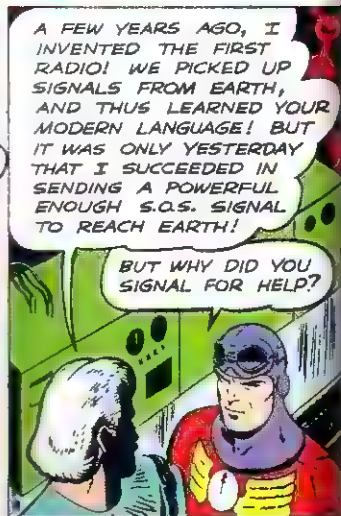
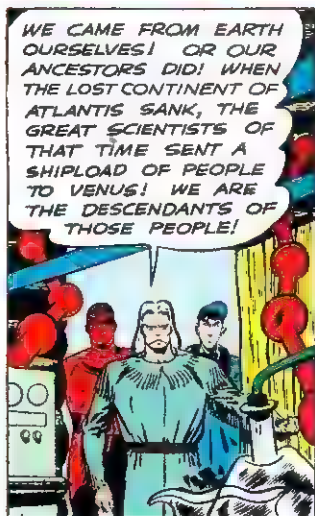


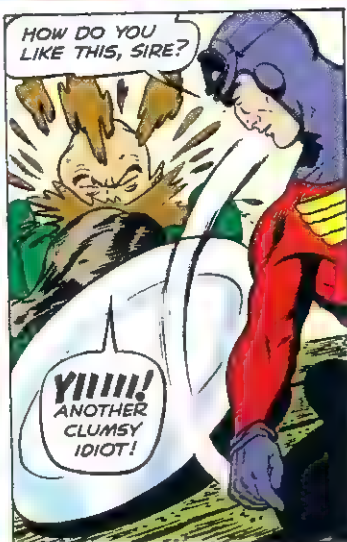
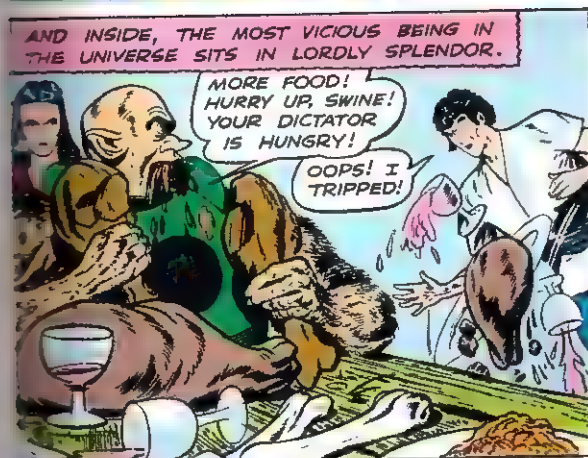
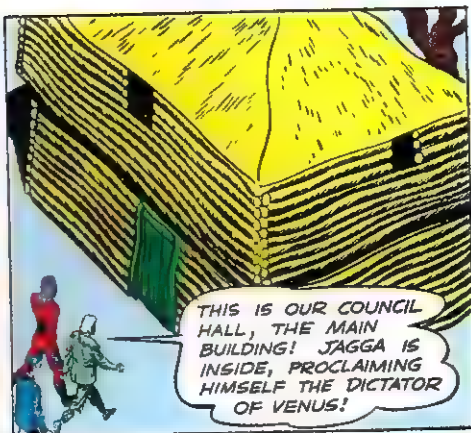
HEY, CAP!
I'M GETTING
AN S.O.S.!

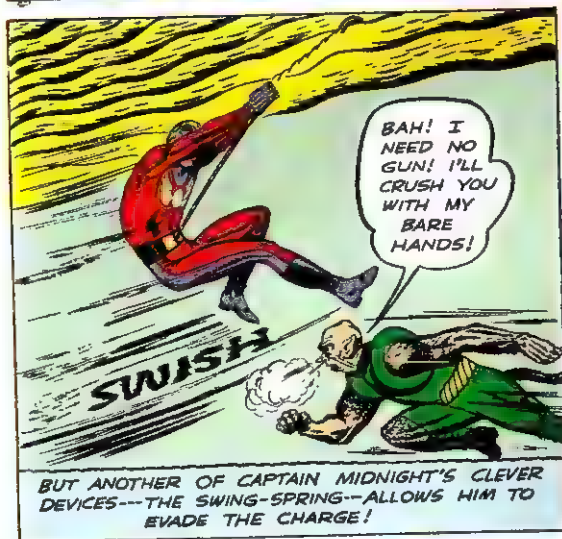
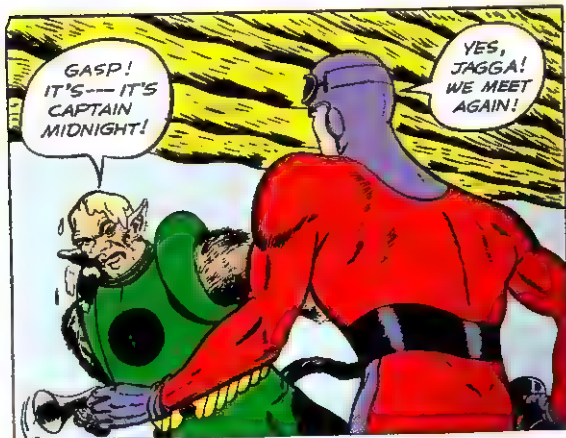




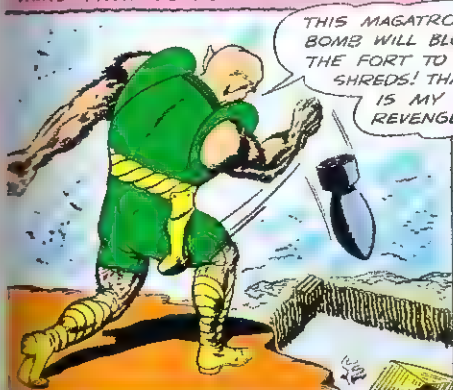








CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS RIGHT!
ELSEWHERE, THE SINISTER MASTER-
MIND FROM PLUTO LANDS AND...



THIS MAGATRON
BOMB WILL BLOW
THE FORT TO
SHREDS! THAT
IS MY
REVENGE!

BUT DIRECTLY OVERHEAD!....



TAKE THE
CONTROLS,
ICKY!
I'VE GOT
TO STOP
THAT BOMB!

OKAY,
CAP'N!

VIA HIS GLIDERCHUTE, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT
PREVENTS THE BOMB FROM REACHING
ITS MARK!



THIS WILL MAKE
THE BOMB FALL
HARMLESSLY INTO
THE SEA! NOW
TO USE THE
AIR-CURRENTS
AND REACH
JAGGA ON THE
CLIFF!

SLAP!

THAT'S ALL FOR
YOU, MY FIENDISH
FRIEND!

AIIIIII!



KNOCKED OFF THE CLIFF,
THE TYRANT FROM PLUTO
SINKS INTO THE TURBULENT
SEA!

LOOKS LIKE THE
END OF JAGGA!
NO MAN CAN SWIM
OUT OF THAT
STORMY OCEAN!



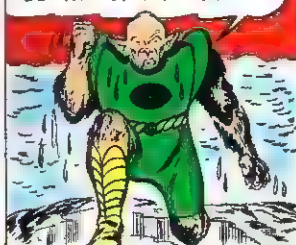
SOON AFTER...

ALL MY PEOPLE
THANK YOU,
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!
YOU NOT ONLY
SAVED VENUS,
BUT RID THE
UNIVERSE OF A
TERRIBLE MENACE!
FAREWELL!



BUT ELSEWHERE,
ON AN ISLAND!...

I AM POWERFUL! I
SWAM THROUGH THE
SEA TO THIS ISLAND!
CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT THINKS
I AM DEAD! BUT I'LL
MEET HIM AGAIN, SOME-
WHERE AMONG THE PLANETS!
AND NEXT TIME, JAGGA,
THE SPACE RAIDER, WILL
BE THE VICTOR! HAAH!



CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

SABOTAGE AT THE SWITCH



CIVILIZATION FORGES ITS WAY THROUGH THE JUNGLE WILDERNESS, PACED BY THE GLEAMING RAILS OF THE MIGHTY TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD! BUT CASEY JAMES, THE YOUNG ENGINEERING GENIUS, AGAIN RUNS INTO SINISTER DELAY! IT IS THEN THAT THE RENOWNED CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT ENTERS THE PICTURE, IN A BATTLE AGAINST A SCIENTIFIC FOE!

AT HIS NEVADA LABORATORY, CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT READS A LETTER FROM HIS FRIEND, CASEY JAMES, BRILLIANT YOUNG ENGINEER...

HOW IS CASEY JAMES GETTING ALONG WITH HIS TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD, CAP?

FINE, ICKY! HE JUST WROTE THAT HE'S WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE NOW! HE WORKED OUT A NEAT PLAN TO SPEED THINGS ALONG!

HIS RAILS ARE LAID ONLY AS FAR AS STACHIO SO FAR! BUT INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE LINE TO REACH GORGE GRANDE, HE'S ALREADY BUILDING A TRESTLE-BRIDGE THERE! BY THE TIME THE RAILS REACH THE GORGE, THE BRIDGE WILL BE FINISHED!

STACHIO

Gorge Grande

GOSH, THAT'S SMART! BUT HEY--- HOW DOES HE GET HIS MATERIALS TO THE GORGE, IF THE RAILROAD HAS NO LINE THAT FAR YET?

BY AIR, ICKY! HE'S FERRYING SUPPLIES BY PLANE FROM THE COAST!

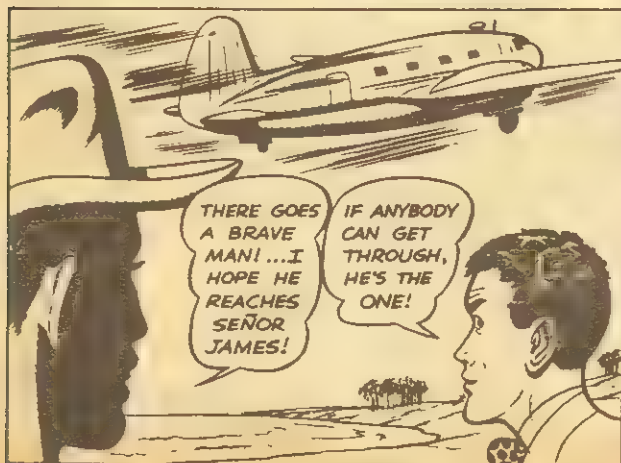
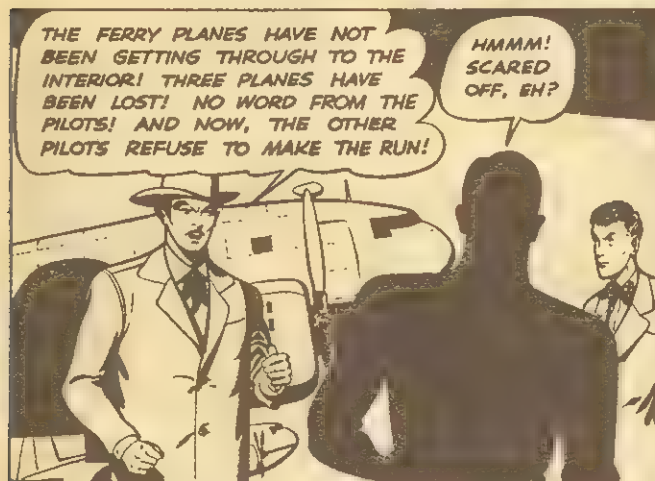
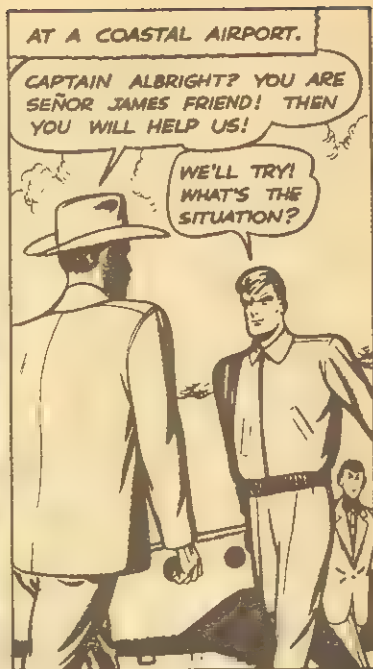
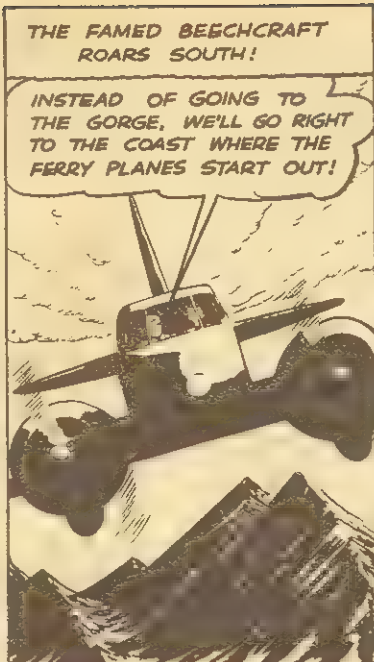
SMART LAD, THAT CASEY JAMES! BY USING SPEED-UP METHODS LIKE THAT, HE'LL FINISH THE RAILROAD WELL AHEAD OF HIS CONTRACT! IMAGINE FERRYING MATERIALS BY AIR, TO THE WILD INTERIOR! IT'S A STROKE OF GENIUS!

BUT FAR TO THE SOUTH, AT GORGE GRANDE, CASEY JAMES HIMSELF IS NOT SO SURE IT WAS GENIUS!

SEÑOR JAMES! WE NEED MATERIALS TO GO AHEAD! BUT THE LAST PLANE IS OVERDUE!

AGAIN? THAT'S THE THIRD PLANE OVERDUE IN THE PAST WEEK! AND NONE OF THEM EVER SHOWED UP!

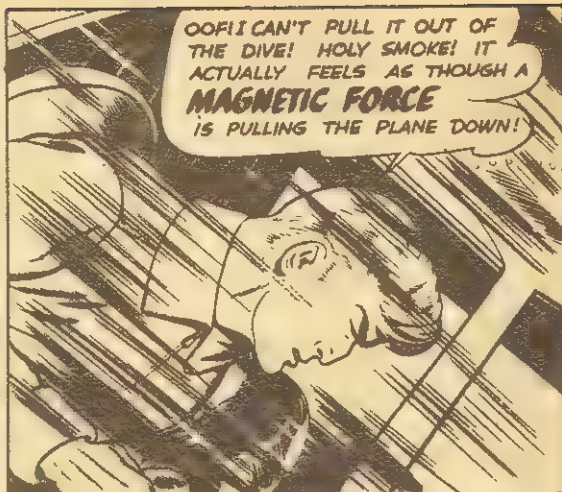
WHO OR WHAT'S DELAYING MY PLANES, BETWEEN THE COAST AND HERE? I'LL NEVER GET THE GORGE SPANNED! I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT HERE GOES ANOTHER APPEAL TO CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT!



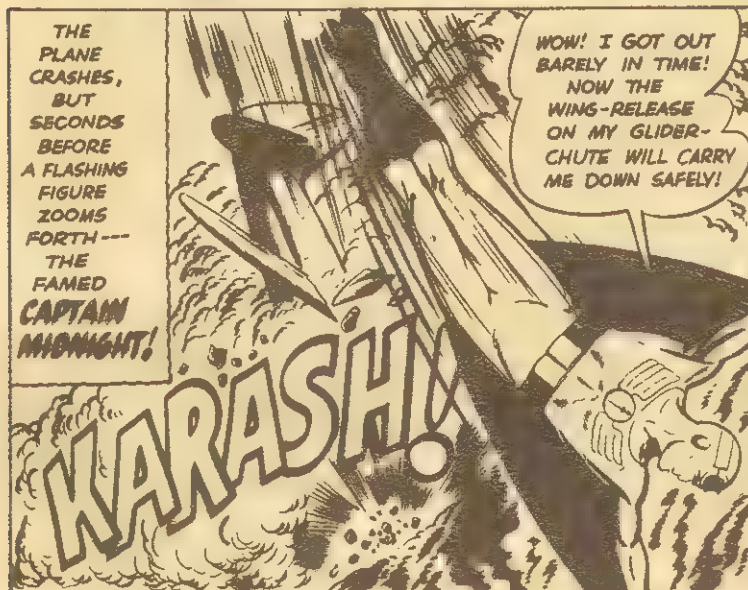


CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT IS TO FIND OUT ALL TOO SOON, FOR SUDDENLY

HEY! THE PLANE IS DIVING!
BUT WHY?

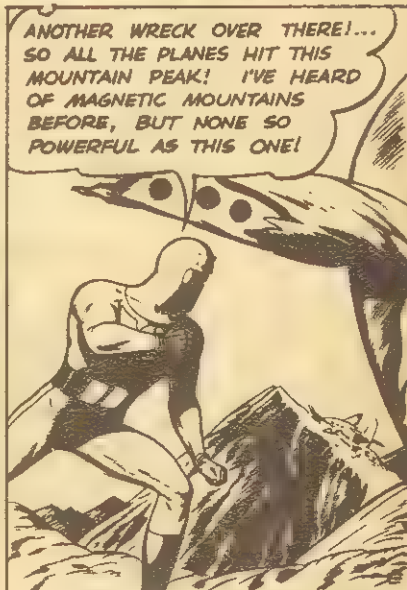


OOF! I CAN'T PULL IT OUT OF THE DIVE! HOLY SMOKE! IT ACTUALLY FEELS AS THOUGH A **MAGNETIC FORCE** IS PULLING THE PLANE DOWN!



THE PLANE CRASHES, BUT SECONDS BEFORE A FLASHING FIGURE ZOOMS FORTH--- THE FAMED **CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT!**

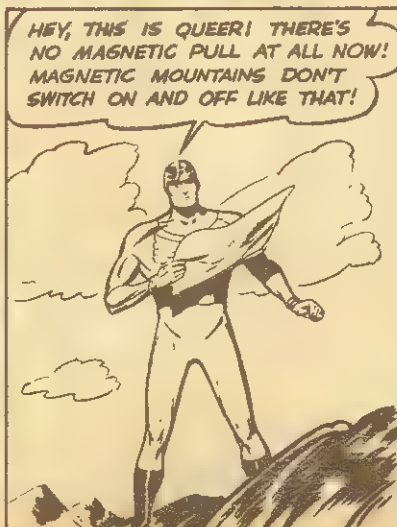
WOW! I GOT OUT BARELY IN TIME! NOW THE WING-RELEASE ON MY GLIDER-CHUTE WILL CARRY ME DOWN SAFELY!



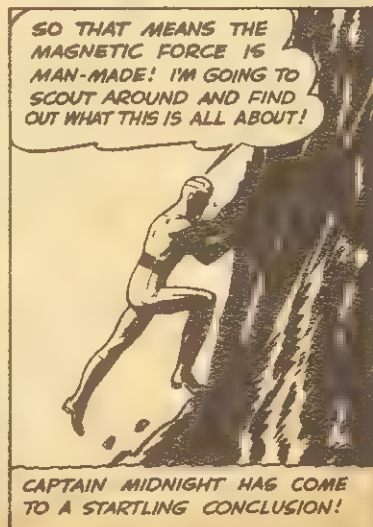
ANOTHER WRECK OVER THERE!... SO ALL THE PLANES HIT THIS MOUNTAIN PEAK! I'VE HEARD OF MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS BEFORE, BUT NONE SO POWERFUL AS THIS ONE!



WELL, THIS SOLVES THE MYSTERY! ALL CASEY JAMES HAS TO DO IS RE-ROUTE THE PLANES A DIFFERENT WAY, AND AVOID THIS MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN! LET'S SEE HOW STRONG THE MAGNETIC PULL IS. ON THIS PIECE OF METAL FROM THE WRECK!



HEY, THIS IS QUEER! THERE'S NO MAGNETIC PULL AT ALL NOW! MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS DON'T SWITCH ON AND OFF LIKE THAT!



SO THAT MEANS THE MAGNETIC FORCE IS MAN-MADE! I'M GOING TO SCOUT AROUND AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT HAS COME TO A STARTLING CONCLUSION!

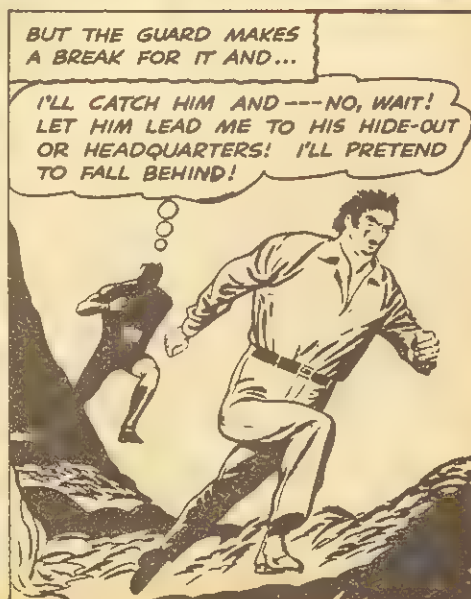
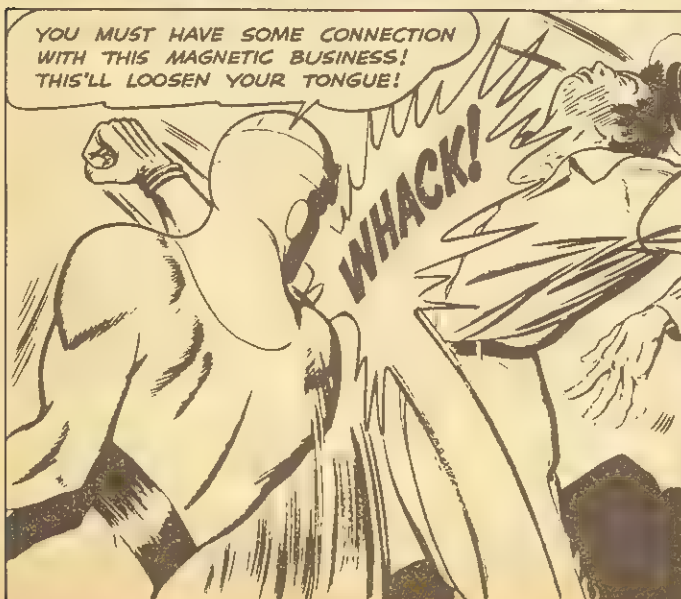
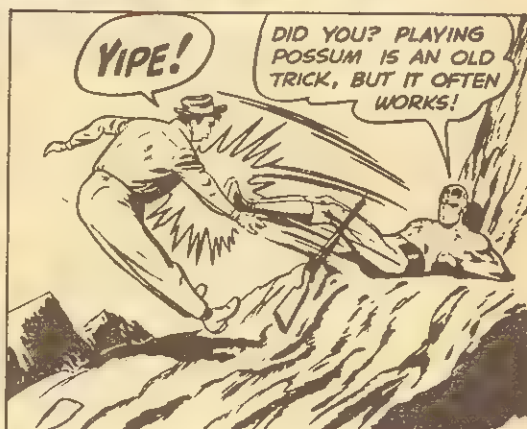
MEANWHILE, AT THE GORGE, CASEY JAMES RECEIVES A RADIO MESSAGE!



MY OLD FRIEND --- CAPTAIN ALBRIGHT --- I SENT HIM TO HIS DOOM! HE'LL NEVER COME BACK, LIKE THOSE OTHER PILOTS!... AND THIS WRECKS ALL MY HOPES OF GETTING THE TRESTLE-BRIDGE DONE!



BUT THE ANGUISHED YOUNG ENGINEER DOES NOT KNOW THAT CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT IS ON THE JOB, BACK AT THE MOUNTAIN...





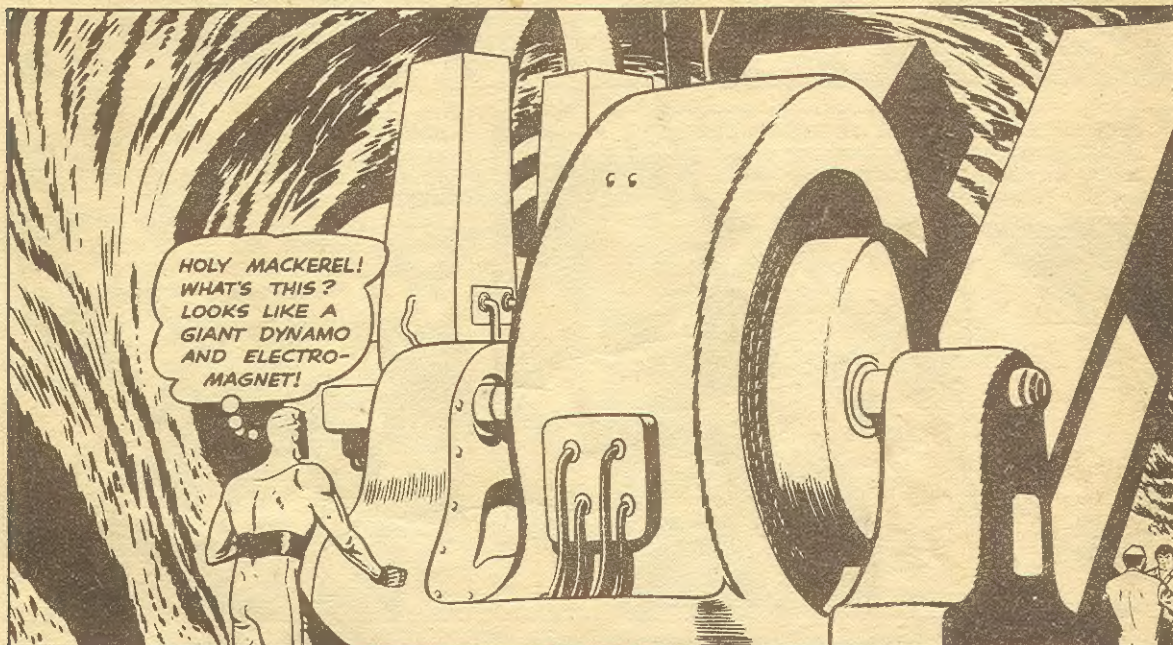
I SHOOK HIM! BUT I
BETTER REPORT THIS
TO THE BOSS!



GOOD OLD BRUNO!
HE KEEPS PEOPLE
AWAY IF THEY
HAPPEN TO STUMBLE
ON THIS CAVE!



BUT THE SHARPEYES OF THE SKY-
FIGHTER ARE NOT EASILY FOOLED...
THAT THUS WENT INTO THIS CAVE! HMMM!
A STUFFED BEAR! PRETTY CLEVER!



HOLY MACKEREL!
WHAT'S THIS?
LOOKS LIKE A
GIANT DYNAMO
AND ELECTRO-
MAGNET!

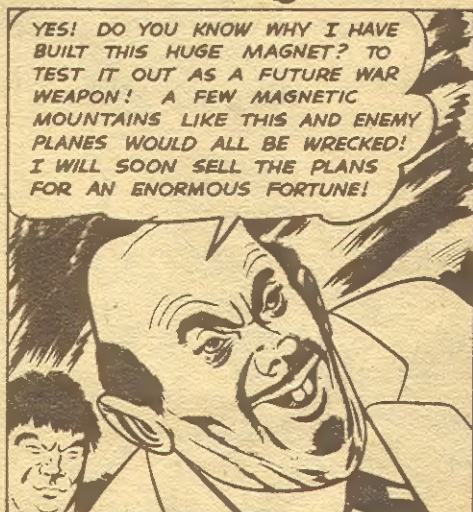
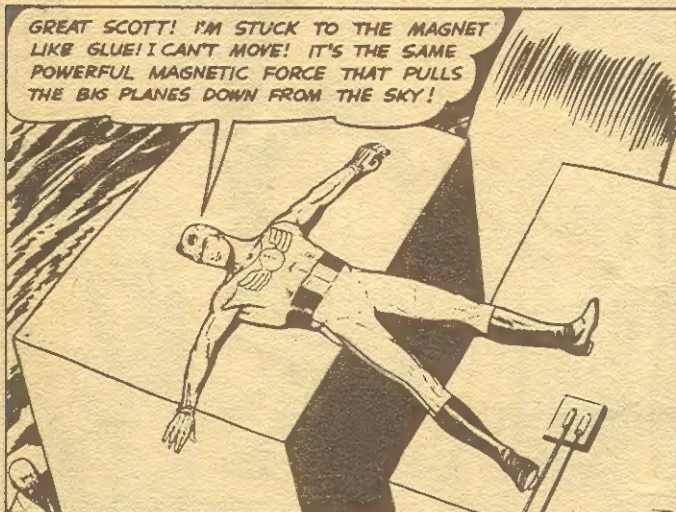


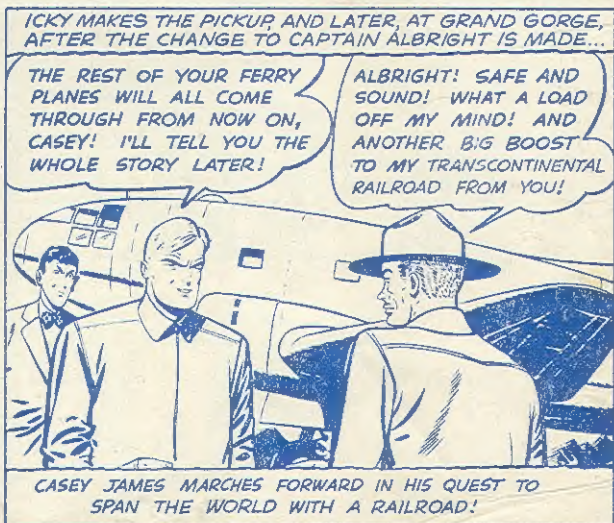
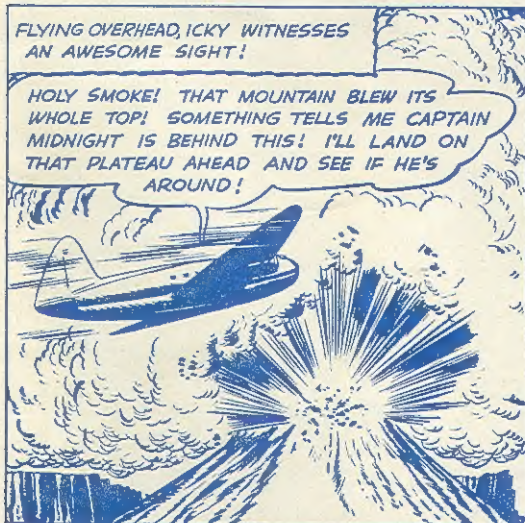
PROFESSOR BLAKK!
A MAN IN A RED
UNIFORM SAVED
HIMSELF FROM THE
LAST PLANE! HE'S
SNOOPING AROUND!

ORDER
THE MEN
TO HUNT
HIM DOWN!



NO NEED FOR
THAT! HERE
I AM!





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